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Murder Charges Filed After Woman's Body Found Hidden in Wall

A Los Angeles man was charged today with the 2009 murder of a woman whose body was discovered last year behind a wall in a Lomita residence, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Randolph E. Garbutt (dob 8/15/72) is scheduled to be arraigned today at the Torrance Branch of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Department 4, in case YA093712. Prosecutors will ask that bail be set at \$1 million.

Deputy District Attorney Cyndi Barnes with the Major Crimes Division is prosecuting the case.

On July 2, 2015, a body was excavated from behind a wall at a residence in the 26800 block of Western Avenue in unincorporated Lomita. The victim was later identified as Raven Campbell, 37, who had been missing since June 2009. Officials said she died of blunt force trauma to the head.

Garbutt is charged with one count of murder with the special allegation that he personally used a dangerous weapon, a hammer.

If convicted, Garbutt faces up to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice

for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.